

# ***“Kindness Paid Forward”***

Lesson Text: **1 Samuel 20:14-17.**

## **I. The Kindness Shown By Jonathan To David.**

- **1 Samuel 10.** God Gives The People A King— Saul, The First King Of Israel.
- God Rejects Saul For His Disobedience- **1 Samuel 13:5-14; 15:1-29.**
- God Chooses David To Be King To Replace Saul- **1 Samuel 16:13.**
- **18:1-4.** King Saul’s Son, Jonathan Becomes The Best Friend Of David.
- **18:6-16.** King Saul Views David As A Threat & Attempts To Kill Him.
- **19:1-20:4.** Jonathan Shows True Loyalty To David Over His Father.
- **20:5-34.** Jonathan Selflessly Risks His Life To Help David.
- The Background For The Agreement— **1 Samuel 20:42.**

## **II. The Story Of David And Mephibosheth.**

- In **1 Samuel 31**, King Saul And His Sons Are Killed By The Philistines.
- **2 Samuel 2:1-11.** The Kingdom Is Divided: David In Hebron— Ishbosheth In Israel.
- First Mention Of Mephibosheth In **2 Samuel 4:4.**
- Ishbosheth, Saul’s Son Is Killed- **4:5-12.**
- **5:1-12.** David Leaves Hebron To Reign Over All Israel In Jerusalem.
- David Defeats The Philistines- **5:17-25.**
- David Brings Back The Ark Of God- **6:1-19.**
- David Is Firmly Established- **2 Samuel 8:15-18.**
- David Fulfills His Promise To Jonathan- **2 Samuel 9:1-13.**

## **III. What We Learn From This Story.**

- We Learn What Kindness Is And How It Is Extended To Others.
- It Is An Intentional Choice To Be Kind.
  - A Way Of Life For David- **2 Samuel 1:17-27; 2:4-7; 10:2.**
- Kindness Defined: “the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.”
- But Goes Beyond That Definition:
  - Love In Action- **1 Corinthians 13:4;** Lovingkindness (Hebrew word).
  - Showing Mercy- **Joel 2:13.**
  - Extending Forgiving- **Ephesians 4:32.**
  - Helping Others, Even When Not Repaid- **Luke 14:12-14.**
- Kindness Should Be Extended To Everyone!
  - David Was Willing To Show Kindness To Saul’s House, Despite All That Saul Had Done Against David!
  - **Romans 12:20-21.**
- What Destroys Our Kindness?
  - Sin In Our Lives- **Galatians 5:19-21** (All Have No Kindness).
  - Rejection Of God’s Way Of Life- **2 Chronicles 24:20-22; Galatians 5:22-26.**
  - But We Should Refuse To Lose Our Kindness!